

Variation of ESP Water Limited's appointment to include The Lakes, Curborough (Phase 1)

On 21 August 2023, Ofwat began a [consultation](#) on a proposal to vary ESP Water Limited's ("ESP Water") appointment to become the water and sewerage services provider for a development in South Staffordshire Water PLC's ("South Staffordshire Water") water supply area and Severn Trent Water Limited's ("Severn Trent Water") sewerage services area called The Lakes, Curborough (Phase 1) in Staffordshire ("the Site"). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 19 September 2023. During the consultation period, we received no representations. After the consultation closed for the Site, ESP advised that the boundary for misdrawn for the Site to include an existing building, this was removed and updated maps were provided. We reviewed the change in maps and our assessment was not affected for this variation. The updated maps can be found in section 1 below.

We will only make an appointment or variation if our assessment concludes that the application meets the criterion it has been made under; that customers or future customers on the Site will be no worse off than if the Site had been served by the existing appointee; and if the applicant will be able to finance the proper carrying out of its functions as a water and/or sewerage company. As set out in our consultation we are satisfied this is the case.

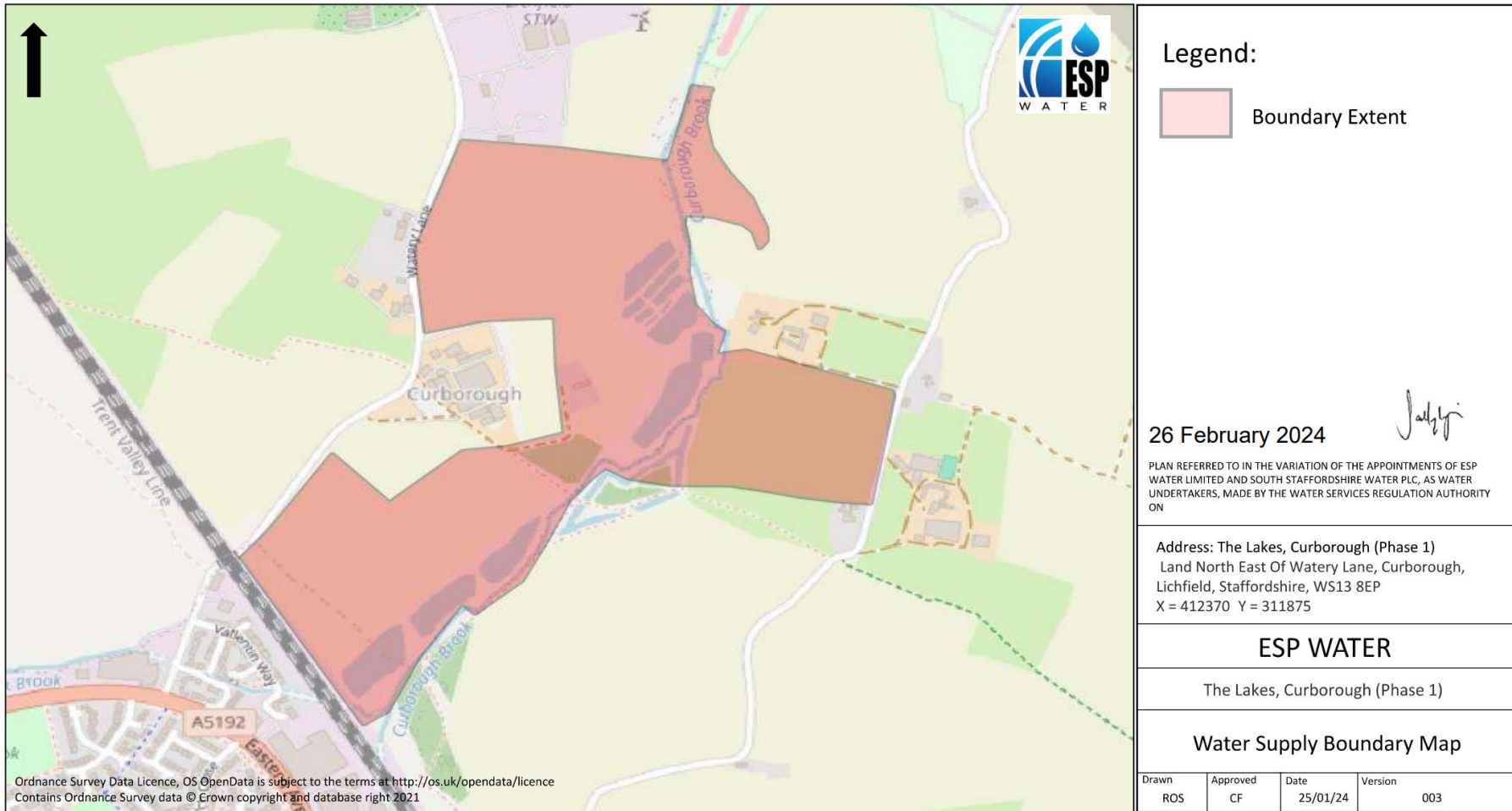
Having assessed ESP Water's application and having received no responses to our consultation, we decided to grant a variation to ESP Water's area of appointment to allow it to serve the Site for water and sewerage services. This appointment became effective on 27 February 2024.

The Site Maps for the variation can be found in Section 1 of this document.

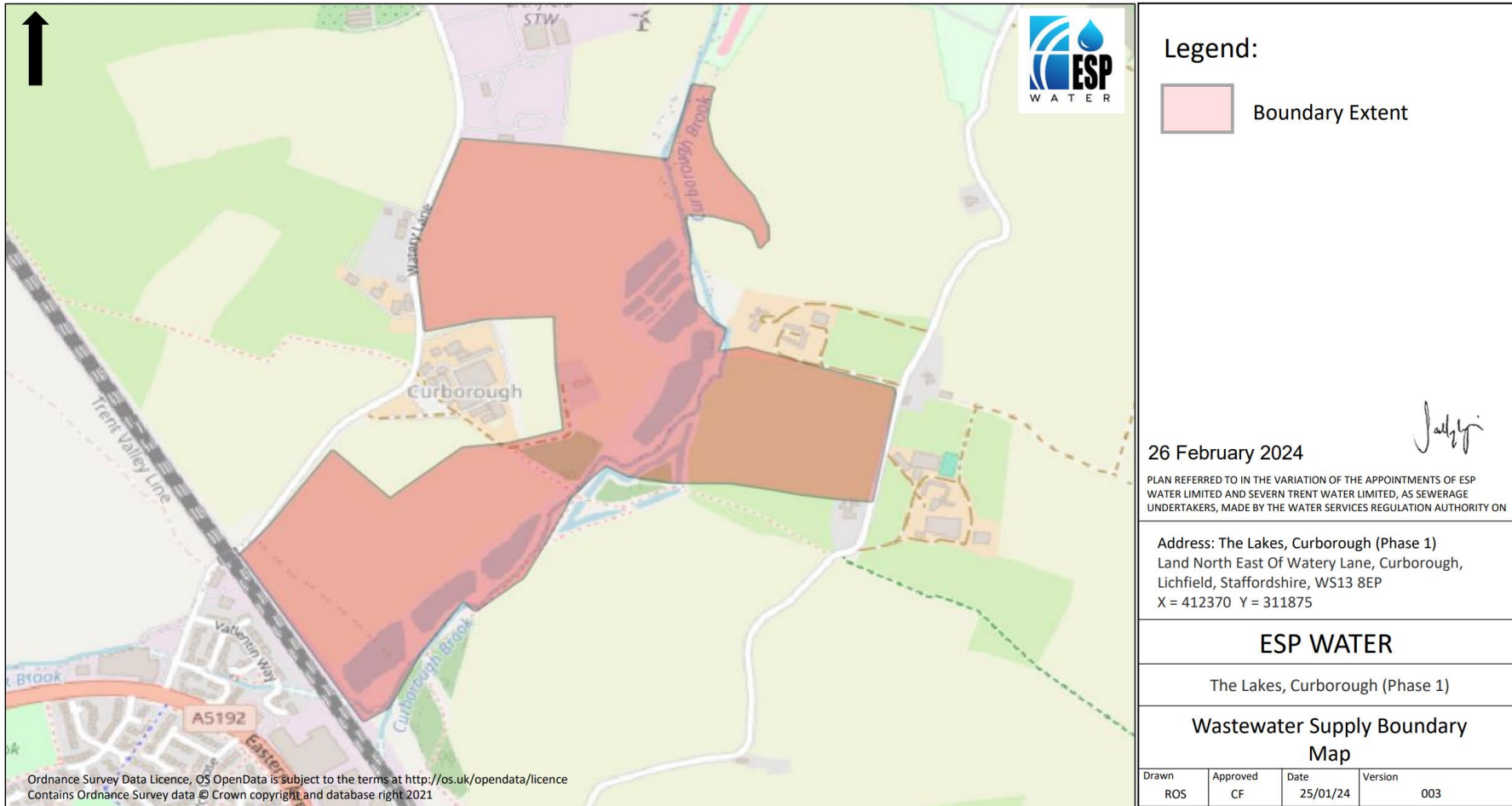
The Variation Notice legally making the variation can be found in Section 2 of this document.

1. Site Maps

Water



Sewerage



2. Variation Notice

WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY
WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTIONS 6 TO 9

**Variation of the Appointments of ESP Water Limited, South Staffordshire Water Plc and
Severn Trent Water Limited as Water and Sewerage Undertakers**

Made on 26 February 2024

Coming into effect on 27 February 2024

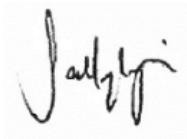
1. ESP Water Limited ("ESP Water"), South Staffordshire Water Plc ("South Staffs Water") and Severn Trent Water Limited ("Severn Trent Water") hold Appointments as water and sewerage undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").¹ The areas to which the Appointments of ESP Water, South Staffs Water and Severn Trent Water as water and sewerage undertakers relate ("Water Supply Area" and "Sewerage Services Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. The site called The Lakes, Curborough (Phase 1), Staffordshire, which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation, ("the Site") is within South Staffs Water's Water Supply Area and Severn Trent Water's Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by Redrow Homes Limited.
3. ESP Water has applied under section 7(4)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("the Act") for a variation of its Appointment as a water and sewerage undertaker to include the Site and for a consequential variation of South Staffs Water's and Severn Trent Water's Appointments to exclude the Site.
4. On 27 June 1995, the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales acting jointly and pursuant to sections 6(1) and 7(2) of the Act authorised the Director General of Water Services² to make variations such as those contained in paragraph 5 below. After public consultation, as required by section 8 of the Act, the Water Services Regulation Authority has decided that it should grant ESP Water's application.
5. Therefore, as provided by sections 7(2) and 7(4)(b) of the Act, and with the agreement of Redrow Homes Limited the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**–

¹ South Staffs Water's and Severn Trent Water's original Appointments as water and sewerage undertakers were made by the Secretary of State for the Environment under sections 11 and 14 of the Water Act 1989, now replaced by sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991. ESP Water's original Appointment was made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

² With effect from 1 April 2006 the functions of the Director General of Water Services were transferred to the Water Services Regulation Authority in accordance with section 36 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Water Act 2003.

- (a) the Appointment of ESP Water as a water and sewerage undertaker so that the Site is included in ESP Water's Water Supply Area and Sewerage Services Area;
- (b) the Appointment of South Staffs Water as a water undertaker so that the Site is excluded from South Staffs Water's Water Supply Area; and
- (c) the Appointment of Severn Trent Water as a sewerage undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Severn Trent Water's Sewerage Services Area.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Irgin', is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Sally Irgin,
Director of Enforcement**